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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 26, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the amendments and remarks detailed below. A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.